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Case No. 420 P 013

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hartmut Schulz

Serial No. 10/006,318

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For: DECORATIVE PAPER WITH
A HIGH OPACITY

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REPLY TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Date: January 3, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the first Official Office Action (Paper No. 5), mailed October 3, 2002, please amend
the above captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1 (Once Amended). A decorative base paper for decorative coating materials, comprising a pigment mixture of titanium dioxide and talc, wherein the talc has a content of 0.1 to 25 wt%, based on the total pigment content, and a particle size distribution D50 of less than approximately 3.0µm.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 were originally presented for examination. Claim 1 was the sole independent claim.